

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Rickman for the helpful and courteous interview held April 13, 2005. At that time a proposed amendment to the claims was discussed regarding the addition of further structure to the claims so as to further distinguish them from a stand-alone transparent glazing. In the last amendment submitted, which is non-entered, the claims were directed to a refrigerator comprising a refrigerator door, etc. However, this claim was determined to be distinct from the previously examined claims, and thus improper for an RCE. In view of this indication, the claims now retain their original preamble, and now recite further structure as discussed at, e.g., specification page 7, lines 10-15:

Claim 52 (Currently Amended): A refrigerator door enclosure, comprising a metal door frame, a transparent glazing, a handle, and a hinge, said glazing comprising . . .

As discussed during the interview, the only remaining issue upon the entry of the December 8, 2004, amendment was the possible reapplication of Creasy (U.S. 5,262,475, of record). See the Advisory Action dated December 22, 2004. However, in view of the above amendment requiring 1.) a refrigerator door enclosure comprising a metal door frame, a transparent glazing, a handle, and a hinge, and 2.) the transparent glazing having deposited thereon an adsorbent layer consisting essentially of a porous polymeric coating of a three dimensional network of polyvinylpyrrolidone and polyurethane, the Creasy reference is not applicable.

Creasy relates to a polyvinyl alcohol/polyvinylpyrrolidone polymer coating, not to a three dimensional network of polyvinylpyrrolidone and polyurethane. As discussed during

the interview, a three dimensional network of polyvinylpyrrolidone and polyurethane provides excellent results when used as a part of a refrigerator door in keeping the door clear when it is opened into room temperature and humidity. See specification page 8, from line 1 to the bottom. This is important for so-called merchandisers that are used in convenience stores selling sodas, etc, to a stream of continuous customers who open and close the doors of such refrigerators all day long – it is important for the next customer to be able to see what is in the refrigerator.

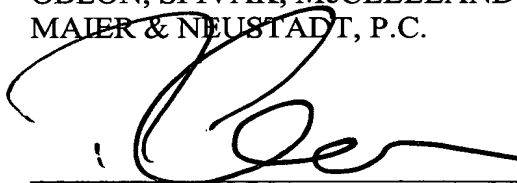
Because nothing in the art suggests what is claimed herein, a Notice of Allowance is requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, she is invited to call the undersigned.

Finally, Applicants note copending applications 10/981,569, 10/981,585, and 10/981,593, all of which are continuations of the present application. Notices of Interference were filed in these continuation cases regarding published applications 10/341,525 and 10/827,598, both filed substantially after the present application.

A supplemental IDS has been filed herewith.

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